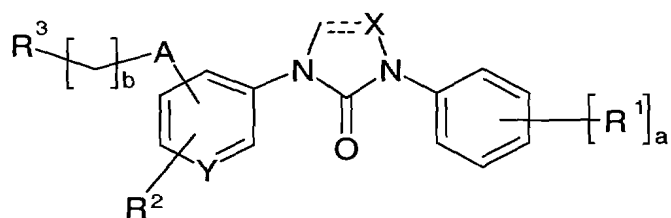


**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended): A compound of formula (I):



(I)

wherein:

a is 0, 1, 2, or 3 [~~4 or 5~~];

b is 1, 2 or 3;

Y is nitrogen or carbon;

A is oxygen, nitrogen [~~-,CONH-,NHCO-~~] or together with R<sup>2</sup> forms a benzoxazolone group;

R<sup>1</sup> is halogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylthio, hydroxy, amino, mono- or di-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylamino, nitro, CN, CF<sub>3</sub>[[;]] or OCF<sub>3</sub> [~~-,aryl-,arylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl-,arylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy or arylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylthio~~];

R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen, halogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy, haloC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl or haloC<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy;

R<sup>3</sup> is:

(i) -NR<sup>4</sup>R<sup>5</sup> where R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> are independently hydrogen [[;]] or C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl [~~or aryl C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl~~]; or

(ii) an optionally substituted N-linked heterocycle; or

(iii) an optionally substituted C-linked heterocycle;

wherein said optionally substituted N-linked or C-linked heterocycle is pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl, morpholinyl, imidazolidinyl, thiomorpholinyl, piperidinyl or azepanyl;

==== is a single bond or a double bond;

X is CH<sub>2</sub> or C=O  $\left[ \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right) \right]$  when  $\text{---} \text{---}$  is a single bond  $\left[ \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right) \right]$  or X is CH  $\left[ \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right) \right]$  when  $\text{=---}$  is a double bond  $\left[ \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right) \right]$ .

2. (Original): A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein a is 1 or 2.

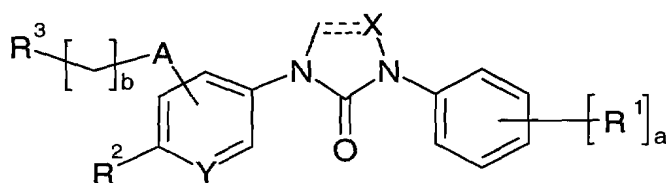
3. (Currently amended): A compound as claimed in claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, wherein R<sup>1</sup> is halogen.

4. (Currently amended): A compound as claimed in claim 1, ~~2 or 3~~, wherein R<sup>1</sup> is at the 3 position or the 4 position.

5. (Currently amended): A compound as claimed in claim 1 ~~any of claims 1 to 4~~, wherein X is CH<sub>2</sub> and  $\text{---} \text{---}$  represents a single bond or X is CH and  $\text{=---}$  represents a double bond.

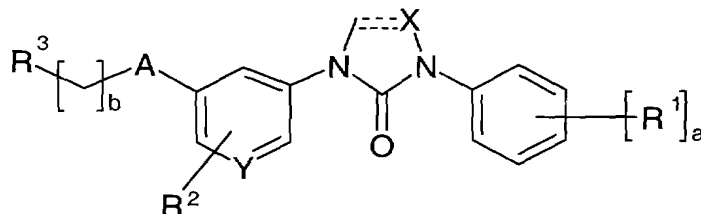
6. (Currently amended): A compound as claimed in claim 1 ~~any of claims 1 to 6~~, wherein Y is carbon.

7. (Currently amended): A compound as claimed in claim 1 ~~any of claims 1 to 6~~, ~~wherein R<sup>2</sup> is at the following position~~ having the formula:



8. (Currently amended): A compound as claimed in claim 1 ~~any of claims 1 to 7~~, wherein R<sup>2</sup> is C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy.

9. (Currently amended): A compound as claimed in claim 1 ~~any of claims 1 to 8,~~  
~~wherein A is at the following position~~ having the formula:



10. (Currently amended): A compound as claimed in claim 1 ~~any of claims 1 to 9,~~  
wherein A is oxygen.

11. (Currently amended): A compound as claimed in claim 1 ~~any of claims 1 to 10,~~  
wherein b is 2.

12. (Currently amended): A compound as claimed in claim 1 ~~any of claims 1 to 11,~~  
wherein R<sup>3</sup> is N-linked heterocycle or ~~[[diC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylamine]]~~ diC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylamino.

13. (Currently amended): A compound as claimed in claim 1, which is:
- 1-(3-Fluoro-phenyl)-3-[4-methoxy-3-(2-piperidin-1-yl-ethoxy)-phenyl]-imidazolidin-2-one;
  - 1-(3-Fluoro-phenyl)-3-[4-methoxy-3-(2-morpholin-4-yl-ethoxy)-phenyl]-imidazolidin-2-one;
  - 1-(4-Methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-3-[4-methoxy-3-(2-piperidin-1-yl-ethoxy)-phenyl]-imidazolidin-2-one;
  - 1-(4-Methyl-3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-3-[4-methoxy-3-(2-morpholin-4-yl-ethoxy)-phenyl]-imidazolidin-2-one;
  - 1-(2-Chloro-phenyl)-3-[4-methoxy-3-(2-piperidin-1-yl-ethoxy)-phenyl]-imidazolidin-2-one
  - 1-[4-Methoxy-3-(2-piperidin-1-yl-ethoxy)-phenyl]-3-phenyl-imidazolidin-2-one;
  - 1-[3-(2-Dimethylamino-ethoxy)-4-methoxy-phenyl]-3-(3-fluorophenyl)-imidazolidin-2-one;
  - 1-(3-Fluoro-phenyl)-3-{4-methoxy-3[(1S,4S)-2-(2-oxa-5-aza-bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl}-imidazolidin-2-one;

1-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-3-[4-methoxy-3-(2-piperidin-1-yl-ethoxy)-phenyl]-imidazolidin-2-one;

1-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-3-[4-methoxy-3-(2-morpholin-4-yl-ethoxy)-phenyl]-imidazolidin-2-one;

1-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-3-[3-(2-dimethylamino-ethoxy)-4-methoxy-phenyl]-imidazolidin-2-one;

1-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-3-[6-(2-piperidin-1-yl-ethoxy)-pyridin-3-yl]-imidazolidin-2-one;

1-[4-Bromo-3-(2-piperidin-1-yl-ethoxy)-phenyl]-3-(3,4-dichloro-phenyl)-imidazolidin-2-one;

1-(2,3-Dichloro-phenyl)-3-[4-methoxy-3-(2-piperidin-1-yl-ethoxy)-phenyl]-imidazolidin-2-one;

1-(3-Fluoro-phenyl)-3-[4-methoxy-3-(2-piperidin-1-yl-ethoxy)-phenyl]-1,3-dihydroimidazol-2-one;

1-(3-Fluoro-phenyl)-3-[4-methoxy-3-(2-piperidin-1-yl-ethoxy)-phenyl]-1,3-dihydroimidazol-2-one;

1-(3-Fluoro-phenyl)-3-[4-methoxy-3-(2-piperidin-1-yl-ethoxy)-phenyl]-imidazol-2-one;

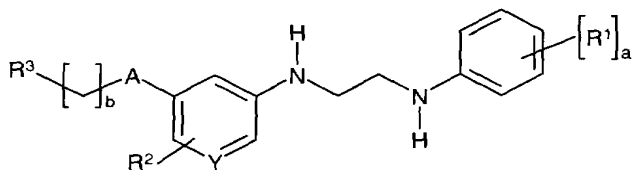
3-(3-Fluoro-phenyl)-1-[4-methoxy-3-(2-piperidin-1-yl-ethoxy)-phenyl]-imidazol-2,4-dione;

5-[3-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-2-oxo-imidazolidin-1-yl]-3-(2-piperidin-1-yl-ethyl)-3H-benzoxazol-2-one[ $[\text{;}]_1$ ];

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

14. (Currently amended): A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (I), as claimed in claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, which process comprises:

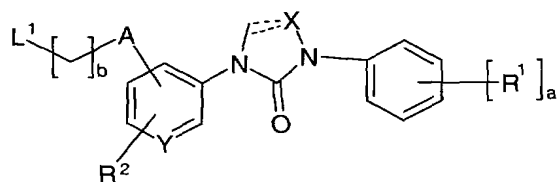
a) the cyclisation of a compound of formula (II)



(II)

in which  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ , A, Y, a and b are defined in formula (I); or

b) the coupling of a compound of formula (III):



(III)

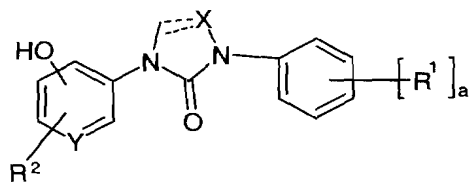
in which  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ , A, X, Y, a and b are defined in formula (I) and  $L^1$  is a leaving group, with a compound of formula (IV):



(IV)

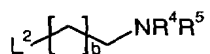
in which  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  are defined in formula (I); or

c) the coupling of a compound of formula (V)



(V)

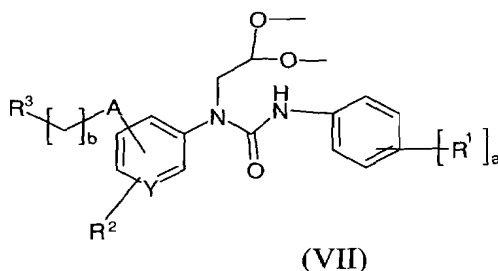
in which  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ , X, Y and a are defined in formula (I), with a compound of formula (VI):



(VI)

in which  $R^4$ ,  $R^5$  and b are defined in formula (I) and  $L^2$  is a leaving group or hydroxy; or

d) the cyclisation of a compound of formula (VII):



in which  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ , Y, A, a and b are defined in formula (I);

optionally followed by:

- removing any protecting groups; and/or
- converting a compound of formula (I) so formed into another compound of formula (I); and/or
- forming a pharmaceutically acceptable salt.

15. (Currently amended): A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound as defined in claim 1 ~~any of claims 1-13~~ and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.

16. (Currently amended): A process for preparing a pharmaceutical composition as defined in claim 15, the process comprising mixing ~~[[a]]~~ the compound as defined in claim 1 ~~any of claims 1-13~~ and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.

Claims 17-19 (Canceled).

20. (Currently amended): A method of treatment of a CNS disorder in mammals, comprising administering to the sufferer a therapeutically ~~[[safe and effective]]~~ amount of ~~[[a]]~~ the compound as defined in claim 1 ~~any of claims 1-13 or a composition as defined in claim 15~~.

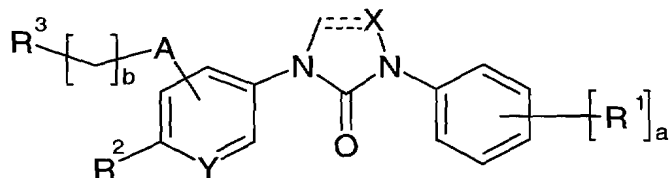
21. (Currently amended): A method as claimed in claim 20, ~~wherein~~ wherein the CNS disorder is selected from depression and~~[[/or]]~~ anxiety.

Claimed 22-23 (Canceled).

24. (New): A method of treatment of a CNS disorder in mammals, comprising administering to the sufferer a therapeutically amount of the composition as defined in claim 15.

25. (New): A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein: a is 1 or 2; b is 2; Y is carbon; A is oxygen;  $R^1$  is halogen;  $R^2$  is  $C_{1-6}$ alkoxy;  $R^3$  is morpholinyl, piperidinyl, or  $diC_{1-6}$ alkylamino;  $\text{---}\text{X}\text{---}$  is a single bond or a double bond; X is  $CH_2$  when  $\text{---}\text{X}\text{---}$  is a single bond or X is CH when  $\text{---}\text{X}\text{---}$  is a double bond.

26. (New): A compound as claimed in claim 25 having the formula:



27. (New): A compound as claimed in claim 25 having the formula:

